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COLUMN AND METHOD EMPLOYING SAME

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312**

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was filed for this application on December 2, 2005. Applicant requests under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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